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The Chalhoub Group supports the newly opened Dubai Community Theatre & Arts Centre (DUCTAC)

The Chalhoub Group shared the celebrations unveiling the Dubai Community and Arts Centre (DUCTAC) at the official opening on November 1st 2006. The first of its kind in the region, DUCTAC is a non-profit centre that aims to develop and enhance creative talent through diverse artistic mediums.

The Centre was inaugurated by **HRH Princess Haya Bint Al Hussein, Wife of HH Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of UAE, Ruler of Dubai the Honorary Patron of the Centre**. Invited guests included all the patron sponsors whose contributions have been instrumental in building this cultural cornerstone. Guests from the Chalhoub Group, a diamond sponsor of the initiative, included Patrick Chalhoub, the Co-Chief Executive Officer. "The realization of this Centre is truly a milestone for our community. The spirit and efforts that have led to the creation of this legacy are commendable", commented Patrick Chalhoub.

"The Chalhoub Group's mission is to build a bridge between the cultures of East and West and DUCTAC is an ideal platform for the convergence of a mosaic of arts and cultural forms. We are proud to be a Patron of the Arts and to contribute to the evolution of Dubai's cultural fabric".

The Chalhoub Group specializes in the retail, distribution and marketing of renowned luxury brands within the sectors of Beauty, Fashion and Gifts. Today, with a portfolio of over 200 brands, a presence in 13 countries and the management of over 200 retail outlets, the Chalhoub Group represents some of the finest international brands in the region.

"For over 50 years, the Group has been pioneering luxury lifestyle in the Middle East and has nurtured an affiliation to the region's heritage. What better way for us to celebrate our commitment to excellence than lending our support to DUCTAC".

Located in the Mall of the Emirates, the Centre will be a nucleus for arts and cultural activities including dance, music, photography, poetry and theatre. The Chalhoub Ballet Suite begins offering classes in November. "Ballet is an artistic form with a historic backdrop...it is an expression of grace, harmony and elegance and we are delighted that this can be experienced by people of all ages, nationalities and skill levels right here in Dubai".

"This sponsorship is an opportunity for the Chalhoub Group to show its respect to a city that has facilitated and welcomed our interests. DUCTAC is a culmination of the collective spirit demonstrating that Dubai is a city that cares. It is only natural that we should reciprocate the generosity of the city by investing in the future of our community," concluded Patrick Chalhoub.

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